

Judge Amy Coney Barrett is the embodiment of a fierce constitutional scholar, and her long list of accomplishments is nothing short of impeccable. She is highly regarded by her former students, clerks, and colleagues as a woman who possesses a piercing legal mind, a generous spirit, and a keen intellect. Her dedication to interpreting the Constitution rightfully by adhering to how it was expressly written and her impressive track record serve as the underpinnings of her nomination.

I look forward to her swift confirmation to the Supreme Court and her continued work serving our great country.

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#### IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF JOHNATHON GRAYER

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of 25-year-old Johnathon Grayer, whose selfless actions led to saving the lives of multiple school children and a bus driver in the city of Alma, Georgia.

On Wednesday, August 12, Johnathon was driving a box truck that collided with a school bus that was making its normal stops. When it hit the bus, the back was left crumpled like a piece of paper. However, he remarkably jumped out of the truck, rushed onto the bus, and helped pull students out of the school bus to safety. He even lifted some seats off children who were pinned underneath.

Unfortunately, following the incident, Johnathon's body gave out, and he later passed away in the hospital.

With the help of his courage and selflessness, the lives of 10 children and the bus driver were saved. Although Johnathon's life was tragically taken, his legacy of sacrifice will live on for countless years to come. He will always be remembered as a hero who placed others before himself. His family, friends, and all who knew him will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

#### CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, just over 2 years ago, the Carr fire burned through Shasta County, taking the lives of eight people and burning nearly 230,000 acres.

Now, I am here to report, in the same county of Shasta, the Zogg fire has broken out over this weekend, burning uncontained. As of this morning, 146 structures have been destroyed, three people have lost their lives, over 40,000 acres burned and counting.

Cal Fire and Shasta County—with the assistance of many other units across the State—are working hard to extinguish the Zogg fire, but a lack of firefighting personnel and equipment has made this a difficult one to contain. It is not an unfamiliar story.

Firefighters, first responders, and Californians alike are struggling to grapple with the 27 major fires that are burning across our State right now. With no rain in sight, the end of these disasters is not near. There is a dire need for a better way to contain these fires, or better yet, completely prevent them in the first place.

Until we increase the pace and scale of forest management and other tools that we use in the West, these never-ending fires will continue to destroy all of our land.

#### RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RICHARD STAYSKAL

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this is an amazing story. I hope everybody will follow it.

Madam Speaker, I recognize Wounded Warrior Week, sponsored by the American Legion Post 469, and Sergeant First Class Richard Stayskal, United States Army.

In 2001, Richard joined the United States Marines. In 2004, in the Anbar province of Iraq, Richard was critically wounded by a bullet that passed through his arm and pierced his lung. After surgeries, PTSD, and rehab, he was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps.

But he was not done serving his Nation yet.

Richard reenlisted in 2006 with the U.S. Army and became an elite Green Beret. He was both in the Marines and in the Army in his lifetime. Richard was recently diagnosed with terminal lung cancer and is now in the fight of his life.

Richard, you have led a life to be emulated. You make me proud to be an American. I know you will fight this fight, give it hell, and you are going to win. God bless you.

Thank you, Richard. And thank you American Legion Post 469 for honoring this American hero.

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH—IN HONOR OF AMILCAR CORDOVA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HAALAND). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Amilcar Cordova.

Mr. Amilcar Cordova hails from Carolina, Puerto Rico. After high school, he moved to Pennsylvania,

where he began his career in the health insurance industry. In 1994, he relocated to Orlando, Florida, with his family while he studied business administration at Florida Metropolitan University, and later, business management at the University of Phoenix.

In 2003, he began working in the advertising industry with the largest newspaper in Puerto Rico, *El Nuevo Dia*, which just recently expanded to Central Florida. He later cofounded and served on the board of directors of *Amigos Profesionales Business Network*, an organization whose purpose was to help connect Hispanic professionals and business owners in Central Florida.

In 2010, he founded Cordova Marketing Solutions, a firm that specialized in the development of small businesses by providing consulting, marketing, and advertising services. During this time, he joined the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida as its executive director, and in 2013, was elected as their President until the end of his term in 2016. He would resume his role as President in 2019.

Mr. Cordova is proud of his upbringing in Puerto Rico and is very grateful for the opportunities the U.S. has blessed him with. He tries to give back to his community through volunteer work, including riding his bicycle for different charities. One especially close to his heart is the Young Survival Coalition, an organization dedicated to providing essential services for breast cancer survivors under the age of 40.

Mr. Cordova shares his life with his best friend, Ms. Milly Colon. He has two sons, four grandchildren, and is blessed to still have both his parents alive and well.

For that, Mr. Cordova, we honor you.

#### IN HONOR OF CECILIA FIGUEROA

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor Cecilia Figueroa. Cecilia Figueroa is an Ecuadorian-American journalist and media strategist. She graduated as a journalist in her native city of Guayaquil, Ecuador. She learned about faith, perseverance, and serving others from her parents, Isaac Alvia and Olimpia Ordóñez.

A woman pioneer in the print Hispanic media, her first job was at *El Nuevo Dia* an Orlando newspaper. Passionate about her work, she seeks stories promoting community outreach, education and knowledge about immigration policies that are affecting the Latino community.

Cecilia enjoys highlighting profiles of Hispanic entrepreneurs, organizations, and faith-based communities, among others. She was the producer of the radio show, *Hispanos Al Dia*, and was cohost in various other radio programs. She has provided professional services to EFE News Service, *El Sentinel de Orlando* newspaper, and many others. In 2018, she cofounded *Conexion Hispana USA*, where she was a journalist and social media manager for the platform.